(c) and (d) The post is now a substantive one.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Punching of tickets by conductors in DTC

1855. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue the present system of punching the tickets with finger nails in DTC buses by conductors, which is most unscientific and time consuming, with some simple mechanical devise;

(b) how does the system of ticket punching in DTC buses compares with the system of issuance of tickets to the commuters in other metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Madras;

(c) whether any work study has been done by the DTC so far as to ascertain the time taken by the conductors on the issuance of tickets to each passenger;

(d) whether it is a fact that many commuters ususally avoid to buy tickets because of time wasting exercise which results into heavy losses to the DTC; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Bombay, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Madras, tickets are punched with punching machines while in Calcutta conductors punch the ticket with fingernails.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) No such incidents have come to notice.

(e) Does not arise.

Fixation of DTC Fare

1856. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria adopted for the fixation of DTC fare;

(b) whether it is a fact that though the distance between Pusa Road and the Central Secretariat *via* Mandir Marg is less than 4 kilometres, the DTC collects Re. 1 as the fare from the commuters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are a large number of routes where the DTC collects Re. 1 as fare for distance which is less than 4 kms;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to direct DTC not to overcharge the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The DTC fares are charged with reference to fare stages which are generally fixed at distances of 2 Kms. approximately.

(b) No, Sir. The distance between Pusa Road (Telephone Exchange) Bus stop and Central Secretariat *via* Mandir Marg is more than 4 kms as recorded by DTC.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Fare charged by DTC

1857. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the Supreme Court direction to the

DTC to collect the fare from the commuters strictly according to the Kilometres travelled by them, the D.T.C. is still continuing to overcharge the commuters on a large number of routes, according to the old fare stage system and the tickets are punched by the conductors accordingly;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to give direction to the D.T.C. to restructure the fare on all routes strictly according to kilometres travelled by the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) There is no Supreme Court direction on the manner of collection of bus fares. The DTC fares charged with reference to fare stages which are generally fixed at 2 kms. approximately. Fare is charged from stage to stage irrespective of the fact whether the passenger boards from the fare stage or from stops situated in-between the two stages.

Supply of School book by N.C.E.R.T.

1858. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awere that NCERT is not able to provide books for school children in time;

(b) whether their studies suffer as a result thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the books for different subjects that were made available in the month of March-April, 1986 and March-April, 1987 for classes I to XII?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The NCERT has been providing textbooks to school children for Classes I-XII in time, by and large. However, there have been some delays in respect of a few titles due to certain unavoidable reasons such as non-availability of printing paper in time.

(c) A statement is attached. (*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 93)

Special uni's to look into problems of Women

1859. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up special units to look into the problems of women as suggested by the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Universal Immunisation Programme by 1990

1860. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether universal immunisation programme by 1990 may not be achieved; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE